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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
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Hines

Re: WT Docket No. 99-217; CC Docket No. 96-98

Dear Ms. Salas:

Yesterday, Hines Interests Limited Partnership ("Hines") learned that on September 1, 2000, Edge Connections, Inc. ("Edge") filed a memorandum with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in the above-referenced proceeding. Edge alleges that the memorandum demonstrates building owners could not enter into a building access agreement with Edge due to a moratorium imposed by BroadBand Office, Inc. (BBO). While not a party to the above-referenced proceeding and not subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, Hines wishes to clarify its position as a building owner.

First, the one memorandum presented by Edge is not proof that market forces are preventing tenants from gaining access to their telecommunications carriers of choice. Indeed, Hines actively strives to satisfy tenant driven requests for telecommunications providers. Numbered paragraph 4 of the memorandum filed by Edge makes that clear by noting "that any telecommunications provider may bring service directly to a tenant."

Second, Edge is disingenuous when it suggests that building owners have prevented Edge from gaining access to buildings in Atlanta. In fact, Edge is currently negotiating with Hines for access to at least two Hines buildings in Atlanta.

Please do not consider this single, misleading filing by Edge as representative of the manner in which building owners strive to meet their tenant's telecommunications needs.

Sincerely,



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